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KENYA & UGANDA [APRIL 2 -10, 2005]

East African Community [EAC]

The East African Community [EAC] is the regional intergovernmental organization of the Republics of Kenya [30m], Uganda [26m] and Tanzania [32m], with its Headquarters located in Arusha, Tanzania. The East African Heads of State signed the Treaty for the Establishment of the East African Community in Arusha on November, 30 1999. The EAC has an estimated population of 89 million, including Zanzibar [1m]!

The region's principal exports are mainly agricultural products. These include horticulture, tea, coffee, cotton, tobacco, pyrethrum, fish, and hides and skins. Other exports include handicrafts and minerals such as gold, diamonds, gemstones, soda ash and limestone. Tourism is also one of the major sources of foreign exchange for the three countries.

The region's major imports are machinery and other capital equipment, industrial supplies and raw materials, motor vehicles and motor vehicle parts, fertilizer, crude and refined petroleum products.

United States - Kenyan Relations

The United States and Kenya have enjoyed cordial relations since Kenya's independence. The terrorist bombing of the American Embassy in Nairobi, on August 7, 1998, further bolstered ties between both countries. Since 2001, the United States and Kenya have forged close ties and have strengthened cooperation in the war on terrorism. More than seven thousand (7,000) American citizens live and work in Kenya. About twenty-five thousand (25,000) Americans visit Kenya annually.

The United States business investments in Kenya is estimated to be more than \$285 million, primarily in commerce, light manufacturing, and the tourism industry. In 2003, the United States Exports to Kenya was valued at \$196.5 million and Imports was valued at \$249.3 million. **Total trade value between Miami-Dade County and Kenya increased by 15% in 2003 to \$13 million. Exports to Kenya from Miami-Dade County was valued at \$4.3 million and Imports was \$8.7 million. Kenya ranks 88th among Miami-Dade County's trade partners.**

United States - Ugandan Relations

Bilateral relations between the United States and Uganda have been good since President Museveni assumed power, and the United States has welcomed his efforts to end human rights abuses and to pursue economic reform. Uganda is a strong supporter of the global war against terrorism. The United States is helping Uganda achieve export-led economic growth through the African Growth and Opportunities Act and provides a significant amount of development assistance.

U.S. development assistance in Uganda has the overall goal of reducing mass poverty. Most U.S. program assistance is focused in the areas of health, education and agriculture. Both the U.S. Agency for International Development ([USAID](#)) and the Centers for Disease Control ([CDC](#)) have major programs to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Other programs promote trade and investment, curb environmental degradation, encourage the peaceful resolution of local and international conflicts, and promote honest and open government.

U.S.-Ugandan relations also benefit from significant contributions to health care, nutrition, education, and park systems from U.S. missionaries, non-governmental organizations, private universities, HIV/AIDS researchers, and wildlife organizations. Expatriate Ugandans living in the U.S. also promote stronger links between the two countries. In 2003, the United States Exports and Imports to Uganda was valued at \$41.7 million and \$34.8 million, respectively.

Contributing Organizations: Miami International Airport; Enterprise Florida Inc., Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry; Uganda National Chamber of Commerce and Industry and United States Commercial Service for East Africa

